

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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IN RE: MOTION PRESENTED BY THE  
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

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CIVIL ACTION NO. JKB-16-3029

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**ORDER**

Now pending before the Court is a MOTION filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (“ACLU”) (ECF No. 1). In the MOTION, the ACLU asserts that they have standing to be heard in the context and circumstances they allege.

As the docket currently stands, there is no party listed as a defendant. However, a reasonable interpretation of the MOTION gives rise to the conclusion that the United States Government may have an interest in this matter and, accordingly, they will be invited to participate in this proceeding. On or before October 15, 2016, the Government shall file a response to the MOTION, accompanied by a memorandum, and at a minimum the Government shall address the question of the standing of the ACLU to proceed in the manner they propose. The Government is free to address other topics as they deem appropriate. The ACLU shall file any reply on or before October 25, 2016.

The Court will hear oral argument from the ACLU and the Government at a hearing on Friday, October 28, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. Portions of that hearing may or may not be conducted *ex parte*, *in camera*, and under seal.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this ORDER to Rod Rosenstein, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland. Counsel for the Government shall enter their appearance forthwith.

DATED this 21 day of September, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James K. Bredar", written over a horizontal line.

James K. Bredar

United States District Judge